

## OPINIONS REGARDING SEWERAGE SYSTEM TO IMPROVE SANITARY CONDITION OF BISBEE

INTERVIEWS WITH TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY RELATIVE TO WHAT THEY BELIEVE SHOULD BE DONE TO WORK THE NEED-ED CHANGE.

\$100,000 Bond Issue to Build Sewer Will Add Four Mills to the City Tax Rate—Cost of Typhoid Cases Last Year Was Above \$60,000.00—Tabulated Statement of Cases Treated at the Hospital and Estimate Upon Cases Outside Provide Appalling Figures.

### TYPHOID IN BISBEE DURING 1904

COPPER QUEEN HOSPITAL.	
Number of male patients treated	160
Number of days in hospital	4,111
Number of days idle, before and after	2,100
Total number of days idle	6,211
Loss by male patients, in production on rate of \$3.50 per day	\$21,735.50
Cost of hospital maintenance, at \$2.00 per day	\$8,222.00
Total loss account, Typhoid Fever patients, 1904	\$29,957.50
CALUMET & ARIZONA HOSPITAL.	
Number of male patients treated	90
Number of days off duty	4,500
Lost in wages, at rate of \$3.50 per day	\$15,750.00
Hospital maintenance estimated	\$6,000
Total loss in 1904 C. & A. hospital	\$21,750.00
OUTSIDE CASES (ESTIMATED.)	
Number of male patients treated	75
Number of days off duty	3,750
Lost in Wages	\$13,025.00
Total loss in wages and hospital expense account of Typhoid Fever in Bisbee 1904	\$64,735.50

Relative to the need of improved sanitary conditions in the city, as demonstrated by the above appalling typhoid record for 1904, the Review is interviewing taxpayers regarding the building of a sewerage system. Whether for or against a sewer, whether for or against municipal ownership, the expressions elicited in response to the following questions will be found in interviews printed below:

Are you in favor of an issue of \$100,000 in bonds for the purpose of installing a sewerage system?

Do you think that this bond issue will cover the amount of expense?

Do you think that the extra taxation will be justified by resultant improvement in health conditions in the city?

Do you think the system should be owned by the city or by private individuals or corporations?

Do you think that by installing a sewerage system the ravages of typhoid fever and of all infectious diseases will be lessened?

Can you make any suggestions as to a remedy for these conditions if the sewerage system is not installed?

Dr. Broderick said he was entirely in sympathy with the movement and would be glad to have the bond issue passed favorably upon as good sewerage system is the thing the town needs above all others.

It depended upon which would do the work with the greatest efficiency, whether he was in favor of public or private ownership of the franchise. While typhoid fever would not be entirely eliminated, he said, he thought that the conditions would be very much improved by the installation of the proposed sewerage system.

The citizens should be given a chance to vote, he thought, on the question but if they refused to vote the bonds for this purpose, then the city should pass it up to private individuals.

He said that he was not prepared to say about the percentage of citizens of this town who have the typhoid each year in comparison with the percentage in other places of the same size which have good sewerage systems.

Personal cooperation, he said, on the part of every one is the only way to improve on present conditions.

"I am very much in favor of the bond issue," said J. G. Pritchard. "I believe that the sewer is the thing that will do the town more good than anything else that can be done."

"I am certainly in favor of municipal ownership in the case of this sewerage system. I believe in municipal ownership of all public works."

"The extra tax which will be made necessary by the installation of this sewer will, I believe be more than paid back to the citizens in good health. I for one value my health more than my pro-rata of the cost."

"I am certain that by the installation of this system typhoid fever and other diseases will be greatly lessened. If the citizens of the town would simply walk over some of the parts of it that I am sometimes compelled to pass through and would notice the very unsanitary conditions which exist in some of the districts, I do not believe that they would hesitate a minute in joining me in the belief that a sewerage system is needed and badly needed."

"Fifth is allowed to lie on the premises for years end to years and with the growth of the town the danger of contamination from this source increases. Another thing to be considered is that a very great proportion of the people of the town draw their water supply from wells which are bound to become contaminated through lack of sewerage."

Mr. Pritchard could offer no suggestion as to the best method of keeping the town clean without the sewerage system.

Allie Sowle on being approached on the matter said that he was very

much in favor of the bond issue as he thought that a good sewerage system was a public necessity.

He thought that the taxation which this would necessitate would be more than counter balanced by the benefits derived from the system.

"It ought certainly to be owned by the city but if the city will not build it, then I am in favor of having a sewer built by private individuals. Every man in the camp, should appoint himself a committee of one and talk the matter up. Each man in town, should be interested in this matter for who knows who will be the next victim of the dreaded typhoid."

Considering conditions, he thought the city might be kept moderately clean without a sewerage system, but this could not be done without the earnest co-operation of every citizen.

I W. Wallace said that he was much in favor of the bond issue.

"I have a number of clients who are heavy land owners, and I have heard them express themselves on the subject and all of them are hearty supporters of this issue."

"Of course I have no way of knowing about such things, but I should say that the sewerage system could be installed for \$100,000, at least we have the estimate of the expert who was here to look into the matter."

"I am absolutely sure that the tax which will be assessed will be so small in comparison to the benefits derived that I consider that a thing not to be considered at all."

"I am not prepared to say anything on the subject of typhoid, I will leave that to the doctors, but I will say that cleanliness is next to godliness and that everyone who has ever lived in a clean town will notice the difference between it and Bisbee, as to percentage of typhoid."

"I am unable to make any suggestion as to the best plan to adopt if the sewerage system is not adopted. I will say that while I do not think anything will be so beneficial as the sewerage system proposed, yet I believe that more scavenger wagons are greatly needed by the city. Any system of scavenger that may be adopted, however, will only show the need of a good sewerage system more forcibly than ever, for while they can cart off the larger part of filth and waste they will never be able to carry away all of the waste water without a sewer."

J. J. Bowen expressed himself as heartily in favor of the move. He thought the greatest benefits would be derived from a good sewerage system, and that the increase in good health in the community would more than make up for the total expenditure inside of a very few years.

Another point was that while foreign capital was now invested in the town the capitalists themselves would not live here as conditions now stand, but if the sewerage system were to be installed and the town put in good sanitary condition the capitalist as well as the capital would come to Bisbee and the town would be benefited by the money brought in.

"I am unwilling to express myself on the subject of municipal ownership, as I have not given that part of the matter very much thought. I believe that even if the system is not put in that something can be done to make the city more healthy. I mean that there should be more scavenger carts and that the sanitary laws should be better enforced than at present. This town has a high altitude, and should be healthy, but the conditions are such that I do not believe there is any more unhealthy town in the country than Bisbee."

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